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TWO INJURED IN CITY TRAFFIC

A Penny for your Thoughts

Two national deaths and an injury to a local boy prompted this question for today's column:

"What do you think can be done to prevent accidents to Little League players?"

Mrs. Melvin B. Yates, 4433 Newton St.

"One thing is that boys become afraid of the ball when they get hit by it once and from then on they freeze in their tracks and don't know which direction to move. It is up to the coaches and managers to rid the boys of that fear and properly instruct them what to do."

Vic Giardinelli, 26123 Relos Drive, Pacific Coast Little League manager.

"Accidents can happen anywhere, no matter what precautions you take to prevent them. The most necessary protection is for the head and the boys wear helmets. None of our boys have been hurt while wearing them. I don't think that any boy who isn't in good shape physically should be playing in Little League."

Bob Sleeth, 24251 Los Co-

don: "Actually, I feel the boys have as good equipment as possible to help prevent accidents—we see to that. All managers and coaches should properly instruct boys how to play and protect themselves. I believe that Little Leagues, as well supervised as they are, prevent the kind of accidents that happen in the streets and vacant lots to children that are unsupervised."

Gary Jung, 4477 Newton St.

"You have to be alert to play in Little League or you shouldn't be playing in the first place. When batting, you should not step into the ball but duck and get out of the way. And most of all, listen to your coach."

Gary Jackson, 4421 Newton St.

"You have to learn when to move fast and what to do when something happens. Wild pitchers should be taken out but you can prevent being hit by knowing what to do. You have to learn not to be afraid of the ball."

City Budget Sessions to Begin Monday

City Councilmen will take their first serious look at the city's proposed \$7,627,301 budget for the 1961-62 fiscal year when they meet for their first session on it at 5:30 p. m. Monday.

Prepared by City Manager George Stevens before he left his post last week, the budget shows only normal increases in costs of providing services for an expanding city, and does not contemplate any increases in taxes.

PROVIDED FOR in the balanced budget are 53 new city employees—15 in the police department, 12 in the fire department, the equivalent of 13 full-time employees in the recreation department, and the balance allocated to other departments.

Additions to the fire and police departments will closely coincide with the population growth, Stevens said in his report on the budget proposal.

"EVEN WITH this addition of these positions, the city of Torrance will be operating with far fewer personnel than any other comparable city in this area," Stevens said in his final budget message.

As in past years, two-thirds of the budget goes for salaries. As proposed by Stevens, 62 per cent of the city's expenditures for the coming year would go for salaries, and another 7 per cent for fringe benefits.

OPERATING expenditures of the city would take another 25 per cent of the budget, while equipment outlay calls for 4 per cent, and bond retirement 2 per cent.

By function, the police department would take the biggest slice or 18 per cent of the total expenditures. Close behind are the street and sani-

tation departments and the fire department, calling for 14 per cent each. Others include parks and recreation, 13 per cent; bonds, insurance, and retirement 9 per cent; planning, building inspection and engineering 7 per cent; library 2 per cent, and all others 16 per cent.

BY DEPARTMENTS, the Department of Public Works gets the biggest single slice, or \$2,047,671. Included in this would be engineering, building, and street departments; planning, traffic, lighting, building maintenance, and parks.

Capital improvement programs to be carried forward or completed during the year include the airport control tower now under construction; Welteria, Victor, and Spencer-Amie drainage pumps; fire stations on the airport and in Victor precinct and acquisition of a sixth site; civic center recreation building and additions to El Nido, McMaster, Welteria and Torrance Parks; West Torrance library and new Welteria branch; sewers in Victor and South Torrance; Welteria, Central, and East Torrance storm drains; and Del Amo Blvd. construction through city.

OTHER MAJOR street projects recommended by Stevens include the realignment of Carson St. near Torrance High School, completion of Torrance Blvd. between Border Ave. and Western; Anza between Torrance Blvd. and Del Amo; and (Continued on Page 2)



DRIVER INJURED . . . Hospitalized with major injuries early Friday was Agnes Irene Coats, 37, whose auto is shown here after it hit a power pole on Carson St. west of Hawthorne. The victim was reported gravely ill Friday, but her condition had improved yesterday to the point where hospital officials listed her as "fair." (Herald Photo)

Club in Awards To Pair

Two North High students were cited for scholastic achievement by members of the National Supply Management Club Friday evening at the club's annual Ladies Night dinner meeting at the Hacienda in San Pedro.

Receiving \$150 scholarship awards presented annually by the club were Sandra Lee Capelle and Jay L. Lippman. Miss Capelle, who will attend Woodbury College, maintained a grade average of 3.71 during her high school studies.

Lippman, who will be enrolled in Cal-Tech, received only two Bs during his high school studies to gain a grade average of 3.8, just 5 points short of a straight A average. Miss Capelle and Lippman were selected from the 24 top students of all high schools in the Torrance Unified School District, Club President James Abraham said.

RUSS GREENE, scholarship chairman, and Ken Russell and Lyle Freeston selected the winners on the basis of essays written on the subject, "What Price Conformity?"

Lippman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lippman, 3813 W 184th Place. Miss Capelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Capelle, 18202 St. Andrews Place.

ATTENDING FRIDAY evening's awards program was Mrs. Phillip Kovich and Paul F. Hawkins, counselors at North High.

In another awards ceremony, Lloyd Hill, manager of oil field products for National, was presented the coveted "Mug of the Month" trophy as the outstanding club member based on achievements in community, club, and company affairs.

HILL'S COLEAGUES in the plant put on a short skit, acting out highlights of Hill's life in a parody of the popular "This is Your Life" television (Continued on Page 2)

Auto Strikes School Guard In Crosswalk

Two women, one a school crossing guard, were injured in separate traffic accidents here Friday, according to Torrance police. One was hospitalized with major injuries.

Hospitalized early Friday was Agnes Irene Coats, 37, of 22009 Redbeam Ave., whose auto struck a power pole on Carson St. west of Hawthorne Ave.

Although officers had been unable to talk to the victim because of her serious injuries, it was theorized that the Coats woman had gone to sleep at the wheel of her late-model car.

Hospitalized later Friday morning was Ruth Ballard, 55, of 21003 Amie, who was struck by an auto while attending to her crossing guard duties at Torrance Blvd. and Madrona.

Investigating officers said the victim had taken some children across Torrance Blvd. and was returning to the north side of the intersection when an auto driven by Joe Ray Harris, 69, of 2046 Artesia Blvd., started up and struck her. She was knocked to the pavement by the impact.

Architect For Court Approved

The Long Beach architectural firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp, and Wright has been commissioned to design the new Superior Court facilities on the Torrance Civic Center.

Appointment of the firm was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on the recommendation of Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

In approving the appointment of the architects, the Supervisors also reaffirmed their action of May 16 which relocated the court facilities in Torrance from their present Inglewood location.

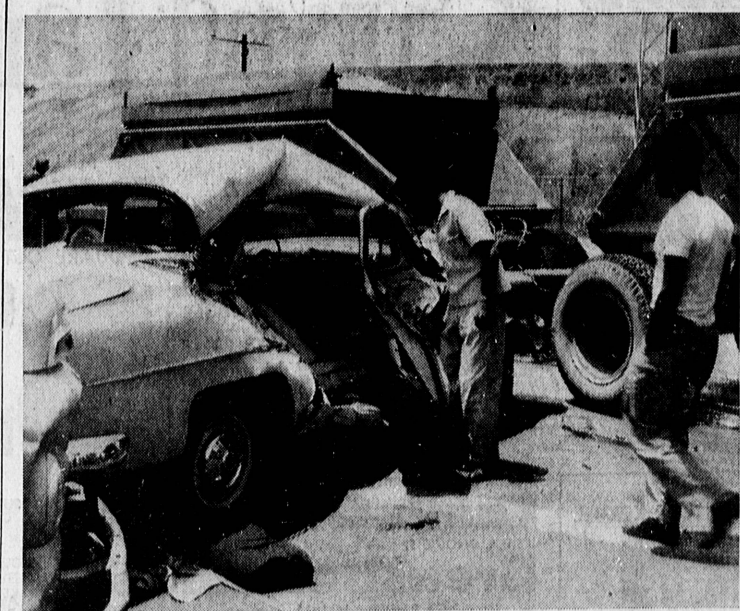
The Supervisors at that time, taking the recommendation of 80 Superior Court Judges, approved Torrance as the site for the permanent facilities of the court, and allocated \$140,000 for preliminary plans for the structure. A rump session attempt by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to split the district was turned down by the Supervisors' action this week.

Torrance Seaman In Landing Tests

Gary G. Kirtley, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen T. Kirtley of 23824 Susana, is serving with the staff of Commander, Cruiser Division One participating in Phase III of "Exercise Green Light" off the Coast of California.

Scheduled to end next June 8, this phase of the exercise involves Navy and Marine Corps undersea, surface, air and ground forces, supported by minesweepers of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Highlight of the operation will be a large scale amphibious landing by the First Marine Division in the Camp Pendleton, Calif., area. The landing force will be supported by an amphibious task force and aircraft.



WRECK SCENE . . . The passenger in the auto shown here was injured seriously Wednesday afternoon when it collided with the huge dirt truck at Lomita Blvd. and Crenshaw. Taken to Riviera Community Hospital was Dorothy Rushton, 44, of Wilmington. She was thrown from the auto by the impact, officers reported. (Herald Photo)

Truckers Get New Route Study Here

Round six in a continuing battle over use of two Welteria residential streets as a temporary truck route for dirt haulers has been scheduled before the city council next Tuesday evening beginning shortly after 5:30.

A decision to take still another look into the matter was reached by the councilmen Wednesday night after attorney for the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. brought the matter up again. The council declined to go into the matter Wednesday because these opposing the truck routes on Madison and Newton Sts. were not present.

A MAJORITY, however, composed of Councilmen J. A.

Torrance High Grad To Enter West Point

John Orr, Torrance High School senior, has been appointed to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, according to word received from Congressman Cecil R. King.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Orr, 3221 Antonio, young Orr passed up several other scholarships to accept the appointment. A varsity football, basketball, and track star, he also is a member of the Tartar Knights and the Scholarship Society.

He received a letter of commendation in National Merit Scholarship competition, was a certificate winner in math in the Bank of America awards, and twice participated in the Math Field Day at Occidental College.

He will report to the Academy on July 5.



SENIOR JOHN ORR Entering West Point



MONKEYSHINER . . . Little U. L. Rudd Jr. received the shiner of his young life this week while "monkeying around" with his uncle, Bob Payton, of 23123 1/2 Arlington Ave. U. L. son of the Rev. and Mrs. U. L. Rudd of Caney, Kans., is here visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Kate Fernandez, at the Arlington Ave. address. (Herald Photo)